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SUBJ: S INTER-AMERICAN PETROLEUM WORKERS FEDERATION TAKES FORM

SUMMARY: A SEMINAR OF 25 LABOR LEADERS FROM TEN SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAS DISCUSSED THE CREATION OF AN INTER-AMERICAN FEDERATION OF PETROLEUM AND RELATED WORKERS. OTHER SEMINARS WILL BE HELD IN 1978, AND WILL REPORTEDLY INCLUDE AFL-CIO PARTICIPATION.
END SUMMARY.

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1. FIRST INTER-AMERICAN SEMINAR OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICAL PHARMACEUTICAL AND ALLIED WORKERS WAS HELD IN SAO PAULO FEBRUARY 19-24. TWENTY-FIVE LABOR LEADERS REPRESENTING UNIONS FROM INFO ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES (EXCEPT MEXICO, BELGIUM, SWITZERLAND) WERE PRESENT. SESSIONS WERE DIRECTED BY ARMANDO AREVALO, A PERUVIAN. ALCY NOQUEIRA, PRESIDENT OF THE SAO PAULO STATE CHEMICAL WORKERS FEDERATION, ACTED AS HOST.

2. AREVALO AND NOGUEIRA TOLD LABATT FOLLOWING SEMINAR THAT THOSE ATTENDING UNANIMOUSLY FAVORED FORMATION OF AN INTER-AMERICAN FEDERATION OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL WORKERS. STEP BY STEP PLANS FOR FORMATION OF THE NEW FEDERATION CALL FOR INTER-AMERICAN SEMINARS IN SAO PAULO DURING MAY AND IN LIMA DURING JULY. DURING NOVEMBER A LARGER MEETING IS SCHEDULED WITH U.S. AND CANADIAN PARTICIPATION.

3. COMMENT: THE PROPOSED FORMATION OF AN INTER-AMERICAN PETROLEUM AND ALLIED WORKERS FEDERATION IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE A CONSEQUENCE OF THE FAILURE OF THE MERGER NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICAL WORKERS (IFPCW) AND THE INTERNATIONAL CHEMICAL WORKERS FEDERATION (ICF). THE PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO FEDERATIONS BROKE DOWN IN 1975 AND THE IFPCW SUBSEQUENTLY CEASED OPERATIONS, CLOSING ITS DENVER HEADQUARTERS.

4. AREVALO AND NOGUEIRA MAINTAIN THAT THERE IS NEED FOR AN INTER-AMERICAN PETROLEUM AND ALLIED WORKERS FEDERATION. THEY STATE THAT MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION WOULD HAVE MUCH GREATER HOMOGENEITY AND SIMILARITY OF INTERESTS THAN DID THOSE OF THE WORLD WIDE IFPCW. AREVALO INDICATES THIS INITIATION HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE AFL-CIO.

5. LABATT ATTENDED CLOSING SESSION OF SEMINAR AS INVITED GUEST
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AND WAS IMPRESSED BY QUALITY OF PARTICIPANTS AND THE DEGREE OF SUPPORT FOR THE FORMATION OF AN INTER-AMERICAN FEDERATION. SEMINAR WAS HELD IN THE LABOR CULTURAL INSTITUTE (ICT) THE RESIDENTIAL FACILITY PARTIALLY FUNDED BY AIFLD. THE CLOSING SESSION WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY THREE SPEECHES:

AREVALO SPOKE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPONSIBLE, DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNIONS IN DEVELOPING FREE SOCIETIES;

ICT PRESIDENT ANTONIO MAGALDI MADE A SET FORMULA SPEECH IN JUSTIFICATION OF THE BRAZILIAN PATTERN OF UNION/GOVERNMENT INTERRELATIONSHIP.

MINISTRY OF LABOR DELEGATE FOR SAO PAULO STATE, VINICIUS TORRES, MADE A REMARKABLE FRANK SPEECH REGRETTING THE CURRENT DEGREE OF GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN UNION AFFAIRS. HE STATED HE FAVORED FULL TRADE UNION RIGHTS AND THAT LABOR LEADERS WERE JUSTIFIED IN ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE THE WORKERS' LOT THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.
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